Negroes Succeed In Georgia

The Thirty-seventh Anniversary, Boy Scouts Week, February 7-13, Negro Boy Scouts Coastal Empire Council—Headquarters, Savannah.

BY BENJAMIN F. HUBERT

Boy Scouting in America is celebrating its thirty-seventh anniversary with Boy Scouts' Week on February 7-13. There are today over 2,000,000 Boy Scouts in the United States. Scouting for negro boys is a relatively recent movement. This is especially true in the Deep South. At present, there are approximately 110,000 colored boys in the United States enjoying the benefits and the superior training offered through the Boy Scouts program. Negro Boy Scouts in Georgia and the Southeast had a difficult time getting started, but today there are separate and distinct organizations set up for colored boys in Boy Scout work in Atlanta, Athens, West Point, Griffin, Columbus, Macon, Augusta, Waycross and Savanahh. Each one of these centers with the area around it has a full time paid colored executive. Here in Savannah, the center for the colored Boy Scouts, better known as the Coastal Empire Council, embraces sixteen counties in Georgia and in South Carolina. There are nearly 800 colored boys enrolled in Scouting activities in this area. Negro boys have a wonderful opportunity through this organization to qualify for superior leadership here in Savannah and throughout Georgia.

The Coastal Empire Council

The Coastal Empire Council for colored Boy Scouts embraces sixteen counties in Georgia and Carolina. This center seeks to make Savannah and this area Scout conscious. A few years ago, Bishop O'Hara donated to colored Boy Scouts forty-one acres of land just off the Coastal Highway about eight miles from Savannah for the construction of a camp for colored Boy Scouts. At this camp a mess hall and other necessary buildings have been constructed. There is a swimming pool on which improvements are being made. There are ample tents to accommodate boys for camping. The camp is capable of entertaining seventy-five boys at a time. Boys may attend this camp from Savannah or from any of the counties in the Coastal Empire Council. Every religious denomination is represented at the camp. During the National Boy Scouts' Week, plans call for exhibits in store and other business windows, art work, health improvement plans and a story of the progress of Scouting among colored boys in the South. The headquarters for this work is at the colored Y. M. C. A. building on West Broad street.

Negro Boy Scouts

It will be interesting to note the names of some of the colored boys who have made records for themselves in Scouting. Many of these boys are now leaders in the Savannah area or are continuing their education and training at some recognized college. Some of the outstanding boys are Frank Blackshear, Joseph B. Bowman, Jr., now leading at Georgia State College; Albert Bryant, Andrew Carter, Clifford E. Hardwick, Lester B. Johnson, William K. Payne, Jr., Marion Ralph, Jr., and Frank M. Staley, Jr. Some former Scouts among colored boys are Frank Baldwin, Crawford Bryant and Boston Williams.

Joseph B. Bowman, Jr., now assistant scoutmaster of Troop 48, is editor of "Boy Scout News" in the Herald, the popular weekly paper edited by and for colored people in Savannah. Bowman is also a member of the Youth Council. He is a graduate of Beach High School and is a member of St. Matthews Episcopal Church. It is felt by some that Eagle Scout Bowman will be first in the Coastal Area Council to achieve the Bronze Palm. Bowman is a freshman at Georgia State College and is majoring in social science.

At the Court of Honor which was held on January 23 those who were advanced in rank are Benjamin M. Graham, 47, first class; Theodore Young 47, star rank; and Earl Green, 48, life rank.

Advancing for merit badges were: Theodore Young, 47, first aid, physical development, public health and safety; Benjamin M. Graham, 48, carpentry, personal health, public health and woodwork; Earl Green, 48, first aid. Those who received awards at the recent meeting at the West Broad Y. M. C. A. were: Willie Kinlaw, Julian Smith, George Anderson, Leroy Graham, Earl Middleton, Samuel Bryan and Julius West. Those receiving merit badges were: George Anderson, basketry, personal health and public health; Carl White, carpentry, home repairs, painting, woodwork; Earl Middleton, architecture, art and woodcarving; Samuel Bryan, civics, home repairs and scholarship; and Joseph Bowman, Jr., salesmanship..

There is every reason why people who live in Savannah—white and black—should respond to any appeal in the interest of Scouting. Colored boys, many of whom are handicapped, should be given every opportunity for leadership training in the Scouting field of activity. Nothing will be so far reaching in its effect for good in the future as the training of these youngsters who are to be the leaders of the future. A lift to the colored Boy Scouts organization is the best possible investment of the future of Savannah and the whole coastal area.

Austell Becomes Member Of Scout Nat'l Council

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga. Sat 1-18-47

By RUTH L. CORNELIUS

Marcellus R. Austell, chairman of the Herndon division of Atlanta Scouts, last week was appointed to the National Council of Boy Scouts of America and was elected as a delegate of Atlanta to attend the national meeting of the council to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel May 27 and 28.

Seated in his most attractive classroom at the David T. Howard school, where he teaches English, the new council member graciously answered questions that this reporter asked.

This classroom, from general appearance, lends itself to the importance of the English language in every day life. Bordering the space above the blackboard are jackets of current best sellers in fiction and discursive readings arranged so that titles can be read.

At the top of the board are reminders which aim toward the moulding of constructive character traits such as, for example, "Neatness Counts." "It is cultured and refined to be quiet." These reminders, placed there by the instructor, are changed often.

Assignments and a lost and found column appeared also on the board.

A bulletin board carrying pertinent material on English and scouting is attractively displayed and gives the impression of freshness.

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A. U. GRADUATE

Mr. Austell, a graduate of the undergraduate and the graduate schools of Atlanta University, is an English major and has taken all prescribed courses in Scouting.

Asked about his first interest in the field of Scouting the council member said he had worked with boys in the YMCA and there discovered the need for such a program as was offered by the Boy Scout movement. The charter and law of the movement had much to do with his decision to become active, he said.

His interest mounted as he talked about the Herndon division of Atlanta's Scouts. With pride he related that although the division is only two years old, it boasts of an Eagle Scout, Albert Harris, who achieved that distinction in 1946.

For a long time I have wanted to know just what it meant to be an Eagle Scout. Always I have admired those who attained the rank. Mr. Austell informed me that an Eagle Scout has training that is comparable to that earned by a college sophomore. It is necessary for the candidate to have earned 21 of the more than 100 merit badges available in the scouting program.

1947 PLANS

Daily World

The Herndon chairman is proud of the plans for the scouting program.

First of all National Scout Week will be observed by all Atlanta scouts the week of February 7-15, at which time scout exhibits are to appear in the windows of Negro and downtown business places. During this week the city's ministers will be asked to deliver sermons on scouting in compliance with the principle: "A Scout is Reverent".

On February 14, both divisions plan a Fathers' and Sons' banquet at Booker Washington high school.

Also for this year Atlanta Negro scouting officials plan to send representatives to the World Jamboree which meets August 9-12 about 40 miles outside of Paris, France. The cost to send one delegate has been set at $750. With the help of school principals, who have pledged assistance, the officials plan to send two or three representatives.

The Annual Jamboree is planned for May and the summer camp opens the second week in June.

Atlanta scouts have come through a campaign the aim of which was the raising of $82,000 and was oversubscribed to the amount of $85,000. According to Mr. Austell, $25,000 will be used for Camp Orr, the Camp for Negro Boy Scouts.

A member of the interracial committee, Mr. Austell, working along with Mr. A. F. Dix, has served on the planning body for the School of Scouting. It is planned that such a school be conducted at Morris Brown College in 1947. The interracial work is directed by Dr. C. A. Talbert.

Atlanta, Ga.

Included among personnel of Herndon division are:

T. D. Brown, chairman; Commissioners John Gaither and Ernest C. Tate, Dr. C. A. Talbert.

Heading the six operating committees through which scouting functions are:

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Leadership Training, J. J. Farrell, chairman; J. H. Bohanan, co-chairman. Organization and Extension, F. D. Mattox, chairman; W. L. Puckett, co-chairman. Camping, S. L. Vaughn, chairman; Health and Safety, Dr. Richard Hackney, chairman; J. D. Winston; Advancement, Fair; Finance, T. H. Ramseau, chairman; F. D. Hammond, co-chairman.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Nixon Austell, the father now deceased, the new council member is one of 14 children, the brother of Mrs. Alice Mae Durgan of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

In spite of the fact that Mr. Austell has a full schedule at school and spends much time in developing the scout program, this active young man is president of the Emblem Club, a membership group of the Butler Street YMCA.

Among professional groups in which the English teacher has membership are:

The Gate City Teachers Association of which he is treasurer; the CIO local union of teachers, acting treasurer; National Council of English Teachers, American Teachers Association, at the national meeting of which he was a delegate in 1946, the Georgia Teachers and Educational Association.

The new scout executive is married to the former Miss E. Marie Maxey, daughter of the late Chas. Maxey and Mrs. T. B. Maxey.

Will Observe Boy Scout Week Feb. 7th

Daily World
Atlanta, Ga.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(SNS)—The observance of Boy Scout Week, February 7 to 13 on a nation-wide scale, says Dr. James E. West, Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America, has great value to boys. Boy Scout Week, he says, emphasizes the romance and drama of Scouting.

In a statement for Boy Scout Week, marking the 37th Anniversary of the original incorporation at Washington, D. C., Dr. West who was Chief Scout Executive from 1911 to 1943, says:

"Throughout the country Boy Scouts and their parents and friends are observing Boy Scout Week. Sometimes I am asked because of the interest which the Boy Scouts of America, starting 1911, why Scout leaders place so much emphasis on this occasion.

"I always tell them that we do it because of its great value to boys. Very deliberately we developed the observance of this anniversary to create dramatic opportunities for boys to take part in nation-wide celebration.

"From the start of Scouting we have conducted as a part of the program, spectacular features which create a desire on the part of boys to be Scouts.

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"In our annual observance of Boy Scout Week we emphasized the romance and drama of Scouting in a way to impress boys and attract ways to boys to think in terms of America, because of the way in which Scouting does help boys to develop into men of character.

"The technique of that training we use in our Boy Scouts Week observances. This is important not of course for the sake of more numbers, but because of what Scout training means to the future citizens of America, and maintaining an in- and over again.

"I believe that the greatest responsibility that we as leaders have today, as it has always been, is to the experience of those who went before. We have to do it over

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Columbia, S. C. State
March 28, 1947

Negro Scout Camp Receives $1,500 Present

Central South Carolina Boy Scout council has accepted Dr. Stanley Harris's offer of $1,500 for the purpose of developing the South Carolina Negro Boy Scout camp. This offer includes the provisions that the council first furnish the other needed $4,500 by raising $2,250 from white people and $2,250 from Negroes.

Dr. Harris is from the New York office of the Boy Scouts of America and is deeply interested in helping Negro youth through the Boy Scouts of America.

Negro Boy Scouts in South Carolina already have 188 acres of land for the site of the camp and have developed one building and one dam on it. The money raised by the council and that which is donated by Dr. Harris will be used exclusively for the completion of the camp.

April has been designated as campaign month for raising the funds. All donations should be in by April 30. E. E. Rogers was elected head of the finance committee for Negroes.

The meeting at which the offer was accepted was conducted by Scout Executive Roscoe E. Stevens. Joel Elcan represented Richland county.

Valdosta, Ga. Daily Times
May 14, 1947

Negro Boy Scout Camp Planned For This Area; $3,000 Project

The Executive Board of the Okefenokee Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, met in Waycross last night at the Ware Hotel. Dean Ed Whisonant, of Emory Junior College, the president of the Okefenokee Council, presided.

Plans for the establishment of a Negro Boy Scout camp in this area were discussed, and the Okefenokee Council accepted a quota of $1,000 to be raised by the white people of the area for this purpose. The Negroes themselves will raise $1,000 and an additional $1,000 will be provided by the National Council through a fund-contributing organization.

The Alapaha District (Valdosta) pledged $100 whenever the money is wanted, and suggested a camp site near Valdosta which is available for the use of the Negro Scouts. This site will be considered by the Executive Board with several others which have been suggested.

Valdostans present at the the meeting last night were Emmett McRae, Gene Ansley, Rev. John Sharp, Mel Smith and Sam Allen, local Scout executive.

W. H. Long and Allen C. Smith, of Quitman, were present, representing the Brooks District. John C. Harper, chairman of the Withlacoochee District, and Rev. Omer Graves attended from Nashville.

Scout Ralph Smith Leaves This Morning On Trip To Moisson, France

Atlanta, Ga. Daily World
Wed. 7-16-47

Scout Ralph Smith, of 1423 Jonesboro Rd., S. E., Atlanta, Ga., who was chosen to represent the colored scouts of Atlanta at the World Scout Jamboree at Moisson, France, Aug. 8-18, will leave this morning from Terminal Station.

Scout Smith is a member of Troup 85 which is sponsored by the David T. Howard Jr. High School, W. S. Banks, scoutmaster. Scout Smith has been an active scout since 1943. In his troop, he has served as Patrol Leader, Senior Leader, and in 1946 became Junior Assistant Scout master. During the camping period he has served on the staff at Camp J. K. Orr.

Scout Smith's experiences have been wide and varied. Scout Smith is an active participant in school activities. In 1945-46, he was president of the student-body, a member of the Boys' Glee Club, a member of the school orchestra and plays the viola in the String Quartet.

CITIZENSHIP AWARD

In 1945-1946 he received the Junior Citizenship Award for outstanding services in school and the city.

Scout Smith is a member of Warren Memorial Methodist church, where he is active in Youth Fellowship and Sunday School.

Scout Smith's first stop will be Raleigh, N. C. where a pretraining for representatives from region Six will be given July 16-18. From there they will go to New Brunswick, N. Jersey, where 1070 scouts and leaders representing the two million American Scouts will receive further training and will be organized into Jamboree Troops.

On July 24 the representatives will sail from New York on the Army Transport General Muir for Antwerp, Belgium. From there they will follow the following schedule:

Aug. 3-7 General Tour of Holland and Belgium. Wed. 7-16-47

Aug. 8 Arrived at Jamboree Camp-Moisson, France.

Aug. 9-18—Jamboree.

Aug. 19-21 Trips to Paris and vicinity.

Aug. 22 Sail from Le Harve, France.

Aug. 30. Arrive at New York and proceed to Camp Kilmer until train time for home.

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Thurs. 7-17-47

OFF TO FRANCE — Scout Ralph Smith, of 1423 Jonesboro Road, S. E., chosen to represent colored scouts of Atlanta at the World Scout Jamboree at Moisson, France, August 8-18, left last night in company with other Scouts from Texas for the pre-training jaunt in Raleigh, N. C., and other points en route overseas. Thurs. 7-17-47

Larkin Reeves To Head Negro Scouts Abroad

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
July 13, 1947

LARKIN B. REEVES.

Belmont Man Is Picked to Lead Group Going to Jamboree In Europe.

BELMONT, July 16.—A Belmont man, Larkin B. Reeves, Neighborhood Commissioner of the Piedmont Council, Boy Scouts of America, has been appointed by the National Council of New York City to be the National Scoutmaster of Negro Scouts of all the southern states to the World Jamboree which is to be held in Moisson, France, August 9-21, 1947.

National Scoutmaster Reeves has left Belmont for Raleigh to join National Troop 7 which represents the Negro boys of the South, and all other Scouts of the region. They will remain in Raleigh two days for organization and actual demonstration of setting up tents and jamboree activities. Saturday afternoon the troop, under Scoutmaster Reeves' supervision, along with the others, will leave for Camp Kilmer, N. J., where they will participate with Scouts from over the nation in Jamboree activities, and enjoy sight-seeing tours to New York and places of interest.

The Scouts will embark at New York, and are scheduled to arrive in Antwerp on August 2. Sightseeing tours to various countries have been planned, and they will go to Moisson, France, for the World Jamboree, August 9-21.

The National Scoutmaster, a Life Scout has made an outstanding record in training neighborhood Sunday School, and president Negro Boy Scouts. For seven years lected by the executives of Region 6, which includes North Carolina, South Carolina, and Teacher association. he was Scoutmaster of Troop No. 11, of Belmont, and for the past year has served as Neighborhood Commissioner under James A. Reid High Florida, and they, in turn, recommended him to the National Council with headquarters in New York City.

Adams, both being directed by Boy Scoutmaster Reeves has long been Scout Executive R. M. Schiele of superintendent of Mt. Pleasant Bapthe Piedmont Council. He was se-

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NATIONAL OFFICIAL — F. D. Maise, boy scout executive of the Tidewater Council in Virginia, has been appointed to the national staff of the Boy Scouts of America. He will serve as assistant to the national director of health and safety service.

12-30-47

Scout Duvahn Sayles of Troop 95, son of Mr. and Mrs H. A. Sayles, 40 Jeptha St., S.W., was awarded the emblem of Eagle Scout at a Court of Honor, held at Friendship Baptist Church, December 23, 1947.

Scout Sayles has been an active member of Troop 95 since 1944. He has served as Patrol Leader, Scribe, and presently Junior Assistant Scout Master. He possesses 27 Merit badges. 12-30-47

Scout Sayles is a member of Big Bethel AME Church. He is an honor student of Booker T. Washington High School, and has participated in his school for 3 terms.

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LOOKING FORWARD TO WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE IN FRANCE

New York N.Y. Times Tues. 7-22-47

Left to right: Earl Old Person of Troop 94, Browning, Mont., a full-blooded Indian; Jeffrey Hagan of Troop 240, Bronx, and Eagle Scout Bat Shunatona, Troop 26, Wewoka, Okla., also a full-blooded Indian, reading about the event yesterday at Camp Kilmer, N. J.

The New York Times

CAMP KILMER, N. J., July 21 (AP)—Boy scouts from all over the United States, on their way to a World Jamboree in France, were getting a taste of army life here today. Tues. 7-22-47

Assembled to board an Army transport, the Gen. C. H. Muir, at Staten Island Thursday, they spent the day in military fashion and stood retreat at sundown.

They awoke this morning to the traditional notes of reveille, and after breakfast they worked on sweeping details to "police" their area. They are receiving inoculations and vaccinations—"shots" of Army fame—and going through calisthenics and organized games.

They marched to formal retreat ceremonies, and stood in ranks with soldiers of the regular Army as the Colors were lowered.

Some 1,090 scouts are to make the trip to France, at a cost of $400 each, underwritten mostly by civic organizations. It will be the first World Jamboree since 1937, when it was held in Holland.

7 Dixie Negroes among scouts going to Europe

Los Angeles, Calif.
Tribune Sat. 7-19-47

RALEIGH, N. C.—Seven Negro Boy Scouts from the Deep South will attend the World Scout Jamboree in France and will tour Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland and other European points in an American group of 1020.

The Scouts are attending a pre-jamboree training camp here, and will leave today for Camp Kilmer, N. J. to await sailing July 30 for France. Sat. 7-19-47

The southern Negro Scouts are: Stanley Wilson Hodges, of Meredian, Miss.; John Davis Fielder Savannah, Ga.; Ralph Smith, Atlanta, Ga.; Ira Davis, New Bern N. C.; Wallace Rasberry, Jacksonville, Fla.; John Coiler, Rome, Ga. and Lancaster Starke. Leland. Fla

Colored Scout Named to Attend World Jamboree

John Carten, of Rome, Boy Scout Troop 27, (colored) is among the four Boy Scouts from this area who will attend the World Jamboree in Moisson, France.

The local group left Cedartown last night and was joined by a contingent of Scouts in Atlanta for the trip to Raleigh, N. C., where they will spend two days at Pullen Park.

They will then board the Palm Land S. A. L. for Camp Kilmer, N. J., where they will join the 1900 American Scouts for up to the minute instructions and conducted tours of New York.

On July 23, they will board ship at New York for Antwerp, Belgium. After landing there, they will go to an estate of approximately 18,000 acres and set up camp, which will be their headquarters from August 9-22. A French interpreter will be assigned to each Troop and they will make trips into European countries.

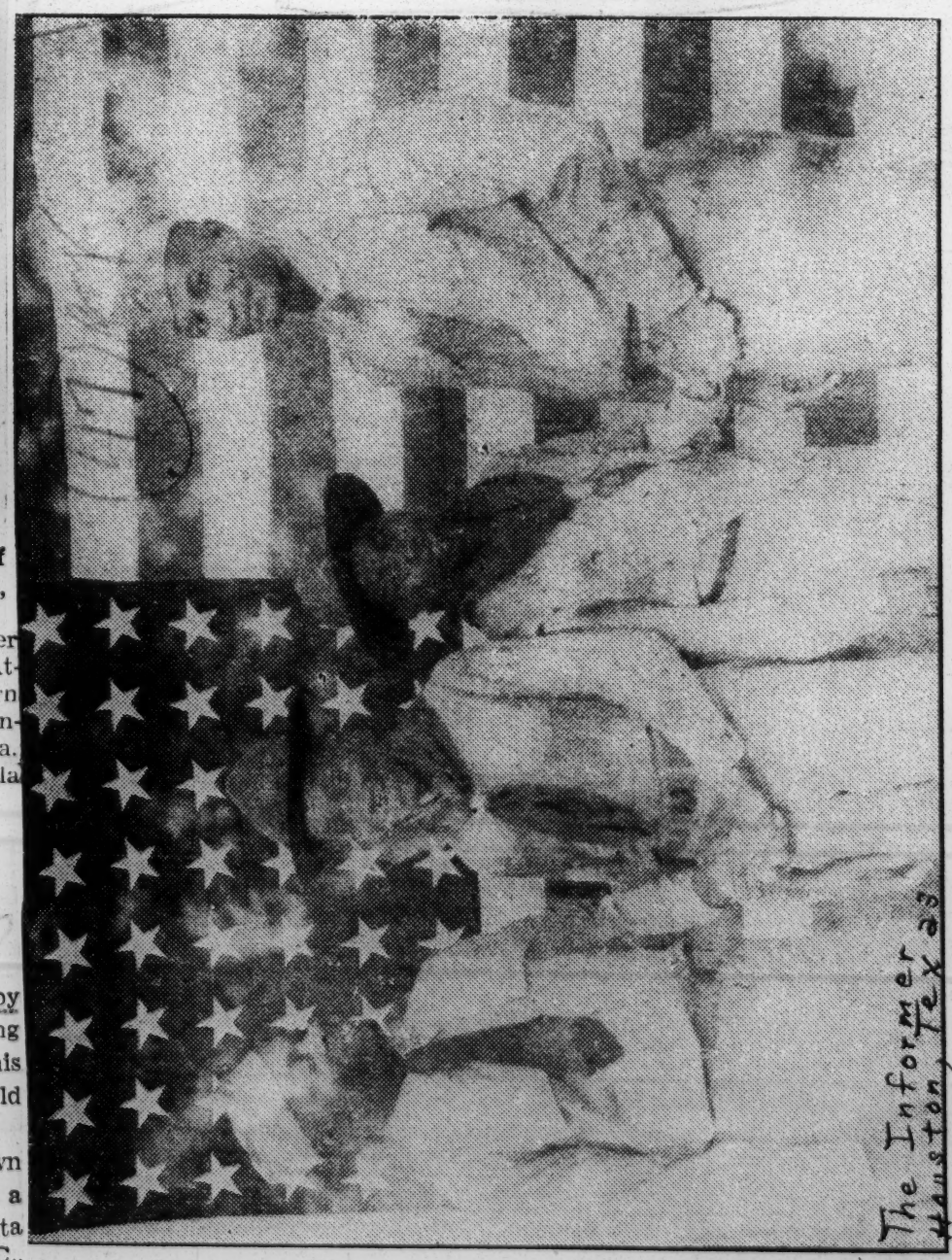
Scouts To Visit France

The Informer Houston, Texas Sat. 7-12-47

Houston — The New Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 3301 Lyons Avenue, sponsors of Boy Scout Troop 391, will send two Scouts to the Sixth World Jamboree in Miosson, France.

They are Star Scouts Charles Percy Crawford, 14, and Life Scout Morris Rilley, 15. Both boys are ranking students of Phyllis Wheatley High School. Morris Riley is a member of the Wheatley Band.

The Scouts will leave the Missouri Pacific Station next Sunday, July 13, for Camp Kilmer.



The Informer Houston, Tex 23

TO VISIT FRANCE.—Two Houston Boy Scouts will attend the 6th World Jamboree in Miosson, France. Left to right: Neighborhood Commissioner Jesse G. Reading Sat. 7-12-47 Thompson congratulates Star Scout Charles Percy Crawford, 14, and Life Scout Morris Rilley, 15, is being congratulated by Scoutmaster Jack Perkins. Sat. 7-19-47

New Jersey where they will camp for four days. From New York they will sail with over one thousand Scouts from all parts of the United States which will make up the American delegation to the World Jamboree.

Under the direction of the American Express Company the Army Transport will dock at Antwerp on August 2 and remain in that port for four days. The Scouts will use the ship as a hotel, divide into four groups, and enjoy organized tours into Holland and Belgium.

They will arrive at the Jamboree on August 7th. After the Jamboree there will be three days of tours into Paris. The return trip begins from LeHavern on August 22nd arriving at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey for dismissal about August 30th. 7-12-47-Sat.

These Scouts will be accompanied to New York by Neighborhood Commissioner, Jessie Thompson and Scout Jessie Kingsberry.

The Pastor of New Pleasant Grove Church Rev. E. W. Whitfield is to be commended for his interest in the boys of our City for it is only under his splended leadership and guidance that it is possible for two of our boys who have never been out of Texas to make such a tour of Europe.

After returning from the Jamboree the boys will make a tour of the churches and schools of the city to tell of their experiences.

Meanwhile some four hundred Scouts will spend the week of July 27th to August 2nd at Camp Strake which is three miles south of Conroe engaging in such activities as swimming, boating, handicraft, riffle and archery range cooking classes, hiking, campfires and other activities designed to keep the youth of our city busy during the summer months.

E. H. Harrison is Field Scout Executive of E. O. SMITH District.

1100 Scouts Embark on The Afro-American Ocean Trip Baltimore, Md.

(Photos on Page 11)

CAMP KILMER, N.J. — Less than 2 per cent of the 1100 American Boy Scouts who held their staging preparatory to sailing for France on Thursday from Staten Island, N.Y., were colored

The scouts were bound for the organization's world encampment near Paris. The meeting will draw youth from scores of countries.

Cost $700 a Boy

The trip cost approximately $700 a boy, with troops and councils picking their most outstanding boys in some instances and furnishing expense money, and with other organizations paying the cost of many. Sat, 8-2-47

Ten Southern boys were organized into a separate company under the leadership of Larkin B. Reeves, Belmont, N.C., scoutmaster, who operates a transfer business there.

One of the boys, William W. Funderburk, 407 Clinton Ave., Lancaster, S.C., student at Mather Academy there, is an Eagle scout

Origin of Boy Scouts' Hands Traced to Africa

Atlanta Daily World Sat. 8-16-47

By HENRY B. COLE

ACCRA, Gold Coast, W... ca.—(ANP)—I wonder h... y scouts in the world today ... the origin of the left-hand sha... ich has become so smyboli... the Scout movement? Lord R...wallan, Chief Scout of the British empire, who visited here recently, did himself not know of the origin until he was told.

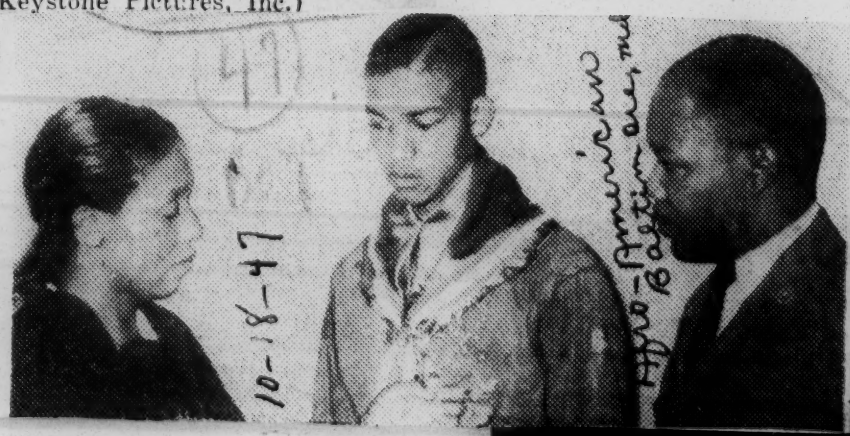
The left-hand shake has its origin from Ashanti, Gold Coast, British West Africa. The truth of the origin was told Lord Rowallan by the great Ashanti king, Sir Agyefan Prempeh, whose ancestors used it long before Baden Powell was born.

The left-hand shake was used in Ashanti as a secret sign of an order of chivalry composed of the Ashanti king and his selected African generals. It was used as a sign that a warrior had abandoned his shield. The Ashantis were great warriors who fought invading tribes for the north as well as white men who come to slave-trade or take their lands.

How did the British get to know it? Well, in 1896 the British made a military expedition to Ashanti and there was a battle between the forces of the King of Ashanti, Agyeman Prempeh I. and the British forces under a young officer called Baden Powell. The British forces won the battle and took the Ashanti king a prisoner and sent him to Seychelles island in East Africa, in exile. It was during his captivity that Baden Powell learned from the Ashanti king many things, including the left-hand shake, which he used in forming the Boy Scout movement. Lord Baden Powell later became Chief Scout of the British empire.

The present King of Ashanti, Sir Agyeman Prempeh II, was a boy scout and is now an honorary scout commissioner.

HAITI—BOY SCOUTS FLY TO FRANCE—On their first trip from the interior of Haiti, these six outsanding Boy Scouts, ranging in age from 13 to 22, flew to the United States and then departed from LaGuardia Field early this morning, Aug. 5th, on a Pan-American World Airways Clipper for London en route to France in a last-minute race for the International Boy Scout Jamboree to be held in Mouisson, August 9th to 22nd. Youngest member of the group is Henry Pauld, 13 (left), of Cap Haitim. None of the Scouts was able to speak English but all conversed in French.—(Photo by Keystone Pictures, Inc.)



EAGLE SCOUT—First scout to reach Eagle rank in the Henry Morgan Green Division in Knoxville, Tenn., is Theondrad Jackson (above) of Rogers Memorial Church, a senior at Beardsley Junior High School. His mother, Mrs. Fanny Mae Jackson, pins Scouting's top award on her son while Jefferson P. Owens, field Scout executive, looks on.

BOY SCOUTS TO FRANCE—Bound for the World Scout Jamboree at Moisson, France, this month, these Boy Scouts gather around their troop flag at Camp Kilmer, N. J., with other Scouts from all parts of the Nation. —Keystone Photo. Pittsburgh Courier-Pa. Sat. 8-2-47

Local Scouts To Attend 'World Jamboree' In France

Louisville, Ky. Defender

Sat. 6-21-47

William Queen, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Queen, and Maurice Rabb Jr., 14, son of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Rabb Sr., will be among at least five Louisville area Boy Scouts who will participate in a rare adventure in world fellowship at the sixth World Jamboree at Moisson, near Paris, France, Aug. 9 to 22. At least 30,000 Boy Scouts from 39 nations will take part in the gala event.

This is according to an official announcement made this week from Scout Headquarters which stated:

"The 'Jamboree of Peace' as the event will be known, will bring together boys of the democratic nations in the first such encampment in a decade. The jamboree is on an 1,850-acre estate loaned to the French Boy Scout Association, will be divided into 15 sub-camps of 2,000 Scouts each. Each sub-camp will house 650 French Boy Scouts and 1,350 Scouts from other lands. A French Scout interpreter will be assigned to each visiting troop and will remain with it during its stay in France. The French Scouts will also serve as guides. The Louisville Area Council has been represented at all World Scout Jamborees since the first in London in 1920. The American delegation to this summer conclave will comprise 1,050 Scouts and leaders. The Scouts will be between 14 and 18 years of age and at least first class in rank and experienced campers. Men of character, merit, ability, and personality, with long experiences in scouting have been selected as leaders of the American contingent. Sat. 6-21-47

Departure Dates

"The Louisville Area Council Jamboree Patrol will depart for New York on or about July 14, by train. A four-day orientation and preparatory camp will be held just outside of New York City from the 15th to the 18th of July. The entire American delegation will sail from New York about July 18 on a U.S. Army Transport. The vessel is one of the largest modern transports completed and active during the recent war. En route to Europe the delegations will have a full program making it possible to become acquainted with each other quite readily and knit the entire party into a functioning contingent. Practice of stunts, demonstrations, campcraft and other preparations for participation with the other Scout nations will be a great adventure within itself.

"The ship is fully equipped and its hospital service includes a doctor and four nurses. A three-months' supply of food will be carried by the ship for the delegation. Arrival at LeHavre, France, is scheduled for Aug. 1. Eight to 10 days of touring in the Netherlands, Belgium and other countries will precede the jamboree proper, which begins on Aug. 9 and ends on Aug. 21. The last three days of the jamboree will be devoted to visits in and about Paris, France. The return journey will start on Aug. 22 with the arrival in New York harbor scheduled for Sept. 1. The Louisville delegation will return in time for the opening of school early in September.

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A group of American Scout officials are already in France making preparation for the reception of the American delegation.

The cost of the six weeks World Jamboree Tour will be about $550, with some Scouts paying their own expense and others being financed by their sponsoring institutions or civic groups.

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SCOUTS MAURICE RABB JR. and WILLIAM QUEEN

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Courier-Journal Photo.

BACK from France, these two Louisville Boy Scouts arrived yesterday from Moisson, France, where they attended the International Jamboree. Left is Life Scout Maurice Rabb, Jr., with Eagle Scout William L. Queen.

Spirit of People Rebuilding Bastogne Impresses Boy Scout Home From Europ

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2 of 5 Back From Jamboree

Sun. 9-2-47

Two Louisville Boy Scouts returned home yesterday after six weeks of experiences-of-a-lifetime at the International Scout Jamboree at Moisson, France.

They were Maurice Rabb, Jr., 15, son of Dr. and Mrs. Maurice Rabb, 921 W. Chestnut; and William S. Queen, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Queen, 1929 Magazine.

What impressed Queen most were the ruins of Bastogne and the spirit of the people rebuilding their city; and the intense devotion most European Scouts have for their Scout work.

Work At Scouting.

"They really work at it; it means something to them," he said. But to most Americans it appears "just something to pass the time."

Both boys went overseas in July with more than 1,000 other American Scouts from all parts of the United States. They spent two weeks in tents at Moisson where they met Scouts from more than 30 nations. They liked the New Zealanders and Scottish boys most of the ones they knew well.

A three-day bus trip through Belgium and Holland showed them much of the war damage they'd only heard about; cemeteries, and lonesome graves. They saw ruined chateaux, and homes as modern as anything they'd seen in America.

Both In Troop 61.

Both boys are members of Troop 61.

The other scouts from the Louisville area who attended the

jamboree were George Caden Blincoe, 548 Sunnyside Drive, who was returning from the East with his family by auto and Edgar Vaughan, III; and Edward Hayes, Shelbyville.

Associated Press Wirephot

BACK HOME—These Boy Scouts from Georgia gather on the deck of the U. S. Army transport Gen. Harry Taylor after their arrival in New York Saturday from the World Scout Jamboree in France. Left to right, kneeling, Sonny McClellan, of Thomaston; Ralph Smith, of Atlanta; Marshall Keen, of Macon; Wilmer Newsome, Jr., of Sandersville; George Pope, of Cedartown; standing, Powell Lang, of Sandersville; Harry Hearn, Jr., and Herbert Dowis, of Atlanta; Jack Lasseter, of Macon; Daniel Watters,

Boy Scouts Back From Jamboree Held in France

NEW YORK, Aug. 30—(AP)—More than 1,082 Boy Scouts and their leaders who attended the 38-nation Scout Jamboree in France returned Saturday aboard the U. S. Army transport Gen. Harry Taylor.

Arthur McKinney, Assistant Executive Officer of the Boy Scouts of America and director of the group, said, "The trip was friendly and the Jamboree was a success in every way."

More than 1,000 relatives and friends, some from as far away as Alaska, crowded the port of embarcation at Staten Island to greet the 960 Scouts and their 122 officers. They were not permitted to see the boys immediately.

The Scouts will be taken by train to Camp Kilmer, N. J., for processing, and relatives and friends will be allowed to visit them there. The Scouts will be permitted to leave as soon as transportation home is arranged.

Boys Can Get Along World Meet Shows

NEW YORK—That Boy Scouts can get together and live in harmony was proved when 40,000 scouts from 42 nations gathered in France for the Sixth World Boy Scouts Jamboree.

Dr. Elbert K. Fretwell, chief executive of the Boy Scouts of America said that it was clearly demonstrated that boys from many nations have common ideals and can agree. As a result of the meeting they have a better understanding," Dr. Fretwell said. In comparing the meeting with a boys' united nations, he stated that they demonstrated their ideas without quarreling.

There were 1,063 American Boy Scouts at the meeting in France. Several Negro scouts were in the American delegation.

Their Good Deed For The Day

One night in early summer three white youths, "just for a prank," poured several rounds of gunshot into tents used for Negro Boy Scouts on the old Pinckney Farm near Charleston. Three of the Scouts were injured and but for their own protective efforts may have been fatally so.

In court last week the white boys were scathingly denounced and the Judge committed each to three years in jail. At this point the Scouts stepped before the court and entered a plea which brought a surprising climax to the in-

While we haven't seen the exact words the Scouts used, from a general knowledge of Boy Scouting, we imagine that among other things, they told the Court the white youths stood before it because they had not known the richness of character building offered by the Boy Scout movement. At any rate they asked forgiveness for the accused youths who had pleaded guilty. The Court had compassion, suspended the sentences provided each youth live a respectable and trouble-free life for the next five years.

The Scouts, in this instance, made an immeasurable contribution, both in behalf of Scouting itself, its bigness of heart, its lack of malice, and also in the field of human relations. Their single act did more than many years of education and laborious undertaking could hope to do.

Yet, the Scouts themselves think little over it. To them, it was just another good deed done during a day.

Named to Nat'l Scout Position

NORFOLK, Va. — F. D. Maise, Boy Scout executives of the Tidewater Council, has been appointed to a position on the national staff of the Boy Scouts of America. He becomes the third Negro to hold a position on the national staff. He will serve in the health and safety service.

Mr. Maise

Mr. Maise is a graduate of Atlanta University and has done work toward a Master's degree in business administration. He is a graduate of the sixty-ninth national training school for Scout executives, a national aquatic school, and also a national camping school.

He entered scouting as a scoutmaster in 1933 at Atlanta, Ga. In April, 1940, he was appointed assistant scout executive in the Atlanta Area Council. During his tenure of three and one half years, the membership grew from approximately 336 men and boys to better than 1,200 men and boys.

Scouts Do Good For Spiteful-Users

By Associated Negro Press

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Three white youths were convicted and given probationary sentences of five years each by Judge G. D. Bellinger in a recent Court of General Sessions here for the shooting of three Negro Boy Scouts July 13 in Camp Pickney, located on Pickney farm by the Ashley river.

The incident occurred without provocation at 1:30 in the morning. The offenders said they fired bird shot to frighten the campers. They were indicted on a charge of assault and battery with intent to kill, and pleaded guilty to a charge of aggravated assault and battery.

Judge Bollinger sentenced the youths to three years each, but on a plea from Robert Miller, head of the Negro Boy Scout council, suspended the sentence and put the boys on probation for five years. Miller asked that probationary sentences be given because the youths had been in jail for two months and the victims had not been seriously injured.

In granting the probation, Judge Bellinger described the shooting as "unwarranted and outrageous," but commended the Negro Scout leaders for their attitude in the case.

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Camp Fire Girls

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ATLANTA'S FIRST CAMP FIRE GROUP—is a Junior Organization of Camp Fire Girls, "The Blue Birds," organized at Gray Street Elementary School under the guidance of Mrs. Z. Gary Tate, Atlanta Executive for Negro Camp Fire Girls (pictured in another column), Mrs. Naomi Whatley Simon, Group Leader, and Mrs. Florence Hogan, principal.

Groups have been organized at Booker T. Washington and David T. Howard High Schools but Gray Street School enjoys the enviable distinction of pioneering the trail. Great things are in store for these junior misses in supervised recreation and civic activity. Needless to say they are happier than words can express.

Included in the group above are: front row, left to right, Bernice Rainey, Carolyn Brantley, Annie Lee Wright, Thelma Booker, Lucile Parks, Audrey Jackson, Barbara Odum. Second row, Mary Frances Hammond, Vera Ellen Harper, Shirley Showers, Eleanor Knox, Mary Gresham, Shirley Jackson, Lois Harper. Third row, Barbara Patten, Dorothy Gene Robinson, Jacqueline Daniels, Sara Winfrey, Patricia Blake, Doris Spearman, Vondetta Adams. Flanking the group, at left, Mrs. Naomi Whatley Simon, group leader; at right, Mrs. Florence Hogan, principal.

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Colored Division of Scouts Headed By Mattie Payne

Mattie B. Payne was elected chairman of the board of directors of the colored division of the Girl Scout Association at the division's annual meeting, it was announced yesterday.

Other members of the board are Matilda Marie, Mianza James, Rose Ashton, Jane Parker, Eldred Davis, M. B. Hannah, Jessie B. Horne, Mamie George Williams, S. A. Jones, Rev. N. C. Davis, W. K. Payne, Rose Pinkney, Frank Thorpe, C. T. Jones, E. B. Toomer, A. Orsot and Benjamin F. Hubert.

Solicitor General Andrew J. Ryan, Jr., told the division that 'the oath of the Scout is a great challenge. The work of the Scout leader is based not on financial reward but on her duty to man and to God. Satisfaction comes in building beautiful character. Sout leaders are the unsung heroes.

"This is a big job," he said. "I am amazed in what you have already done in building the Log Cabin camp. I want to see it operated all summer. I want to see hundreds and thousands of girls trained there each summer. I am interested in the girl south of the railroad track as well as the one who lives on the north side. Scouting is not incidental; it is a big job and I certainly want to help."

The finance committee reported that it had a total of $500 on hand.

Interracial Plan Works in Richmond

RICHMOND, Va. (ANP) — Abolition of the quota system which permitted the enrollment of only a third as many colored Girl Scouts as whites, appears to have served as a shot in the arm for the Richmond council.

According to one reporter, "two colored leaders are now voting members of the Richmond Girl Scout council and the colored work is represented by at least one of their leaders on each of the standing committees of the council."

This interracial project is another demonstration of the fact that people of good will can work in harmony, and the disastrous consequences avertised by bigots and race mongers have been conspicuously absent.

Last fall, senior girls from both colored and white troops met in the scout headquarters to "write, edit and mineograph" the monthly bulletin "Trefoil" which circulates among all the troops in the Richmond area. The project was singled out for commendation by the national Girl Scout headquarters, and Miss Virginia Smith, director of the Richmond council, has received requests for full information from points as far apart as Atlanta, Long Island and Portland, Ore.

RACIAL and international lines dissolve as Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from 20 foreign countries and every state in the Union got together at 35th anniversary International Girl Scout Encampment at Camp Barree, Barree, Pa. Conference is devoted to promoting international friendship and peace. Girl Scouts attending the encampment are: (top left) Doris Ann Ganges of West Chester, Pa.; (top right) Dolly Sampson of Guadeloupe, French West Indies, and (bottom right) Sodra Klaragaton of Karlstad, Sweden.

All Races, States Represented at Scouts' Policy-Making Meet

LONG BEACH, Cal.—Approximately 1500 Girl Scout alult members and Senior Girl Scouts of all races from every state and territory in the nation are expected to attend the 29th Biennial Convention of the National Council of Girl Scouts, here, Nov. 4-7.

Delegates attending will represent a million and a quarter members in 1,500 councils and more than 52,000 troops.

Council Represented

Three leading national organizations have been invited to have representatives attend the conclave. Norman O. Houston, president of the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company, has been designated by the NAACP as its repersentative; Mrs. Fred Jordan of Los Angeles, alif., will represent the National Council of Negro Women; and Floyd Covington was named to represent the National Urban League. These representatives are expected to participate in various discussion sessions during the convention.

Four-Day Session

The theme of the four-day convention will be "Girl Scouts United by Ideals," which will also be the title of the work plan for 1948-1949 to be offered to the delegates. In addition to panel discussions and speeches by nationally known persons, the convention will feature a vote on important changes in the organization's constitution, election of officers and members of the board of directors, and announcement of 30 new proficiency badges. These will include nine for work in agriculture.

Racial Harmony, World Food Aid Backed at Girl Scout Convention

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

LONG BEACH, Calif., Nov. 4— In recognition of the international importance of food, the Girl Scout organization is instituting agriculture as a new field of scout activity, it was announced today as the Girl Scout National Council opened its twenty-ninth convention here.

Eight of thirty new proficiency badges being made available to the organization's 1,360,000 members will be awarded for truck gardening, dairying, fruit raising, home gardening, poultry raising, rabbit raising, bee keeping and landscaping, the Girl Scouts' national president, Mrs. C. Vaughan Ferguson of Schenectady, N. Y., reported.

The innovation was adopted, she said, "because we realized the important part that agriculture plays in making possible peace and goodwill among nations."

Girl Scouts Shared Food

"During 1946," Mrs. Ferguson reported, "Girl Scouts in troops all over the country shared their food and supplies with children in the war-torn countries of Europe and Asia, sending tons of friendship bags, more than 10,000 cases of canned food, and nearly 1,000

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Scouts, regardless of race, worked together on a joint project of editing the Leaders' Bulletin.

"In region IX (the Southwest) an inter-cultural camp has been held so that Indian girls and white girls might learn something of each other's home life and background.

"After long years of quiet education in St! Louis, Mo., it was possible for senior Girl Scouts of the city to elect an outstanding member—who happened to be a Negro—as president of the Senior Planning Board."

The importance of recruiting additional adult leaders, since only one-half of 1 per cent of adult Scout officials are paid personnel, was cited by Mrs. Ferguson as one of four major matters for the organization's attention.

The others were additional participation of the girls in planning activities; more thought to troop, council and national financing, and the problem of "what we as adults are going to do about actually extending membership to all girls in the country."

Other new proficiency badges have been instituted in the fields of community life, health and safety, homemaking, international friendship, literature and dramatics, nature and the out-of-doors.

Reporting on post-war conditions of prime concern to the Girl Scout organization among other community movements, Dr. Robert McKibben, director of the All Nations Foundation, Los Angeles Settlement House, cited that there were now 200,000 babies on college campuses; that 10,000,000 people in the country were still "functionally illiterate"; that 5,000,000 youths of school age were not in school; that "30 per cent of wartime draftees were classified as physically incompetent"; and that in thirty-eight states there were 87,000 unmarried mothers under 19 years old.

Scouts Stress Racial Harmony

LONG BEACH, Cal. (ANP)—The 29th convention of the Girl Scout National council which met here last week went on record as approving the extension of scouting "to all girls, regardless of race, creed or color," and the promotion of agricultural production to assist in the world food crisis.

Eight of 30 new badges will be awarded for proficiency in truck gardening, dairying, fruit raising, home gardening, poultry raising, rabbit breeding, bee keeping and landscaping, according to Mrs. C. Vaughan Ferguson, white, national president.

Co-operation Cited

Highlights in interracial cooperation were listed by Mrs. Ferguson as follows:

"In Richmond, Va., all senior Girl Scouts, regardless of race, worked together on a joint project of editing the Leader's Bulletin.

"In region 9 (the southwest), an inter-cultural camp has been held so that Indian girls and white girls might learn something of each other's home life and background.

Heads St. Louis Board

"After long years of quiet education in St. Louis, it was possible for senior Girl Scouts of the city to elect an outstanding member—who happened to be a colored girl—as president of the senior planning board.

The organization has 1,360,000 members, the largest in history, and "waiting lists of girls who want to join scout troops, but lack leaders, sponsors or meeting places." The need for more men and women leaders, "to help the girls find the fun and citizenship training of scouting—and to share the fun with them," was cited by Mrs. Ferguson as one of the four major problems facing the body.